

OPINION

How to Change a System Created Out of Contempt

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — The leaders of the just-born Commonwealth of Independent States face a daunting collection of problems, but all are solvable if enough of them find the courage to face one of the biggest — themselves.

Millions fought the system, and suffered grievously for their bravery. It is callous to forget that.

Objects to be manipulated and put to their own service. For more than 70 years, Soviet generation after generation, only those men were allowed to succeed who shared and revered its values and attitudes.

To Bury the Past

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV'S departure marks the end of the Lenin dynasty and the Soviet period in Russian history. Now the enormous burden of leadership will be shared — and not only by Boris Yeltsin and the other presidents of the newly independent states of the former union.

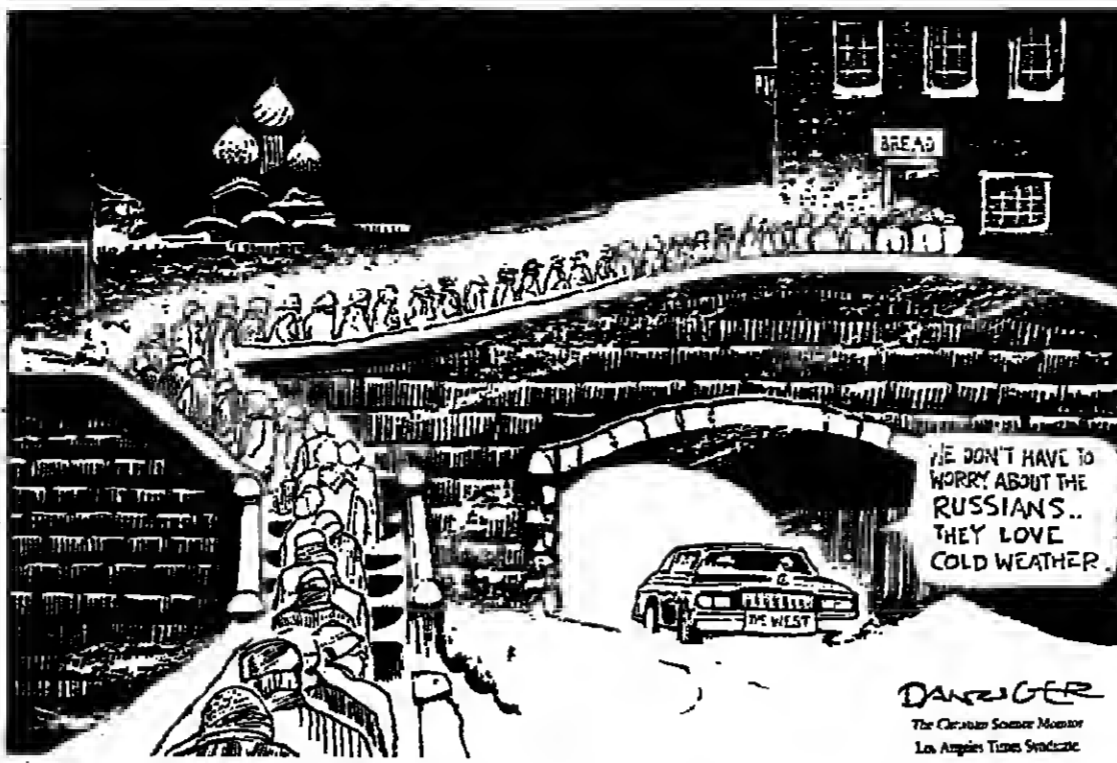
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Hostages and Prisoners

Regarding "A Yellow Ribbon for the Israeli Captain" (Opinion, Dec. 14) by A. M. Rosenthal. Mr. Rosenthal's column was so one-sided I feel obliged to respond.

GEORGE WINTHROP REED, Tangier.

This Saga of War and Tax Dusts Off Thoreau's Cause

By Colman McCarthy

WASHINGTON — Few defiances of the authority of the state are purer or more powerfully symbolic than conscientious tax refusal. Among the currently pure and powerful is Randy Kehler, a federal prisoner for the past month in the maximum security wing of the Hampshire County jail in Northampton, Massachusetts.

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by contra land mines, or to veterans' counseling programs. He shared his wealth with people in need rather than send it to the Internal Revenue Service, which passes more than half of the annual tax haul to the Pentagon.

Courts routinely refuse to recognize conscientious tax refusal, although conscientious objection to the draft is with in the law. Citizens can refuse to fight wars but no one, it appears, is exempt from paying for them.

That led Mr. Kehler and Ms. Corner to investigate, in detail, the usage of their federal taxes. They concluded it is "just as wrong what our tax dollars are used for as what they are not used for."

friends who also believe that their ill-jointed government is wasting money on war-making. These allies have been occupying the Kehler-Corner farmhouse for the past month, and intend to keep on with their in-house protest indefinitely.

Recently, a group of sympathizers from nearby Greenfield came in for seven days. Then, it was citizens from Brattleboro, Vermont. A court order has been issued to turn off the power but that hasn't happened yet.

Mr. Kehler, who is 47, has taken on the government before. In the late 1960s, he served 22 months in federal prison for noncooperation with the Vietnam War draft. From 1980 to 1985, he ran the National Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign.

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GENERAL NEWS

For Kerrey, a Story of Pain Shows He's Not Just a Pretty Face

This is the fifth in a series of articles on candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination.

By Richard L. Berke

WASHINGTON — His audience could be the jobless, the elderly, high school students or business executives, but Senator Bob Kerrey always stops midway through his basic presidential campaign speech, lowers his voice and confides the central selling point of his campaign.



This is his journey from being a navy commando during the Vietnam War, sure of his enormous physical capacity, feeling indestructible and even "a bit obnoxious," to lying helpless at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital. Mr. Kerrey recalls March 14, 1969, as if it were yesterday. He led a pre-dawn assault against an island held by the Viet Cong and walked into a firefight, only to have a grenade shatter his right leg.

'I don't assert that there is any special quality about me, in and of itself, that qualifies me to be president. What matters is the ideas, the values, the willingness to persevere toward the objective.'

Bob Kerrey

few specifics. He is polished, looks good and has a war-hero record that is the envy of any politician, yet he has faced a struggle that fall to make a convincing case that he should be president. Two months after his formal announcement, Mr. Kerrey, 48, still faces the task of demonstrating that he is not just another pretty face with an uplifting story.

Setting himself apart from candidates like former Senator Paul E. Tsongas of Massachusetts and former Governor Edmund G. (Jerry) Brown Jr. of California, who tend to dwell on details, Mr. Kerrey subliminally chings to the notion that he cannot whitewash down his ideas into sound bites. Yet he concedes that his ideas do not always connect.

"I'm conscious that I've got a fairly complicated message, and the more complicated it gets the more vague it sounds," he said. "When you're talking about fundamental change rather than root out 10 or 12 snappy programs, then it gets more difficult."

In a remarkable concession for a candidate who is basing his campaign on character, Mr. Kerrey was hard-pressed to say what should lead people to support him.

employed people at a church in Concord, New Hampshire. Mr. Kerrey chased down Wayne Cochran, a laid-off purchasing agent in the audience who had voiced skepticism that the senator's proposals would create jobs. But once he was face-to-face with Mr. Cochran, the candidate was reduced to Bush-speak: "Don't underestimate the importance of this restructuring thing I'm talking about."

Explaining how he would do this, he offers the big picture. "First, we must reduce the size and cost of the federal government," he said. "And second, we must renew a productive investment strategy. And finally, we must establish new structures for a global marketplace which will allow the power and integrity of free markets to create a new global prosperity."

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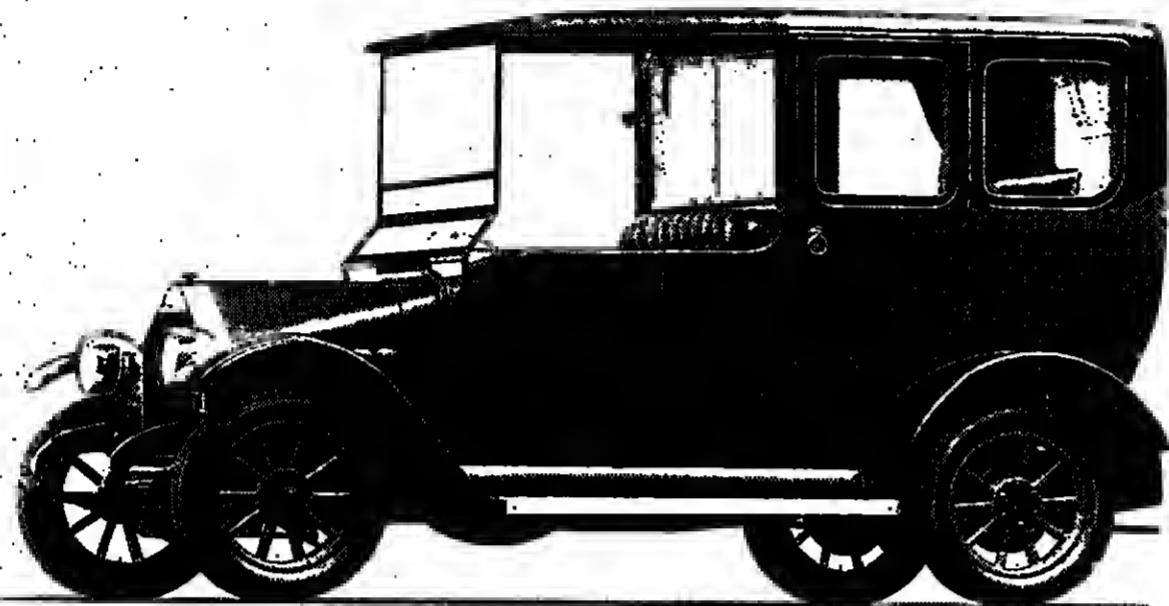
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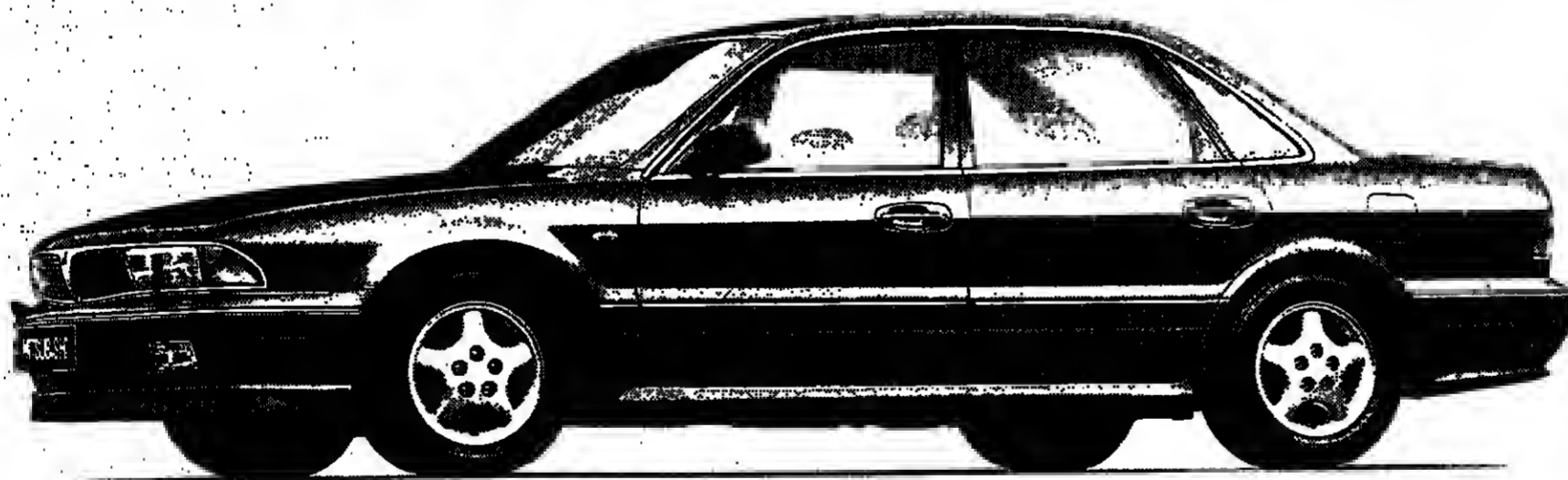
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advanced engineering. At Mitsubishi today, automotive innovation is the discovery of new and unexpected ways to enhance the relationship between cars and people. And between technology and our earth.

Driver and passenger safety as touchstones for every new idea. Cleanliness and conservation as ultimate virtues to pursue. These are but some of the arenas where Mitsubishi designers and engineers demonstrate their commitment to human and environment-conscious innovation. And their achievements continue to include important industry firsts—each refueling the same pride and determination that propelled those ambitious shipbuilders so long ago.



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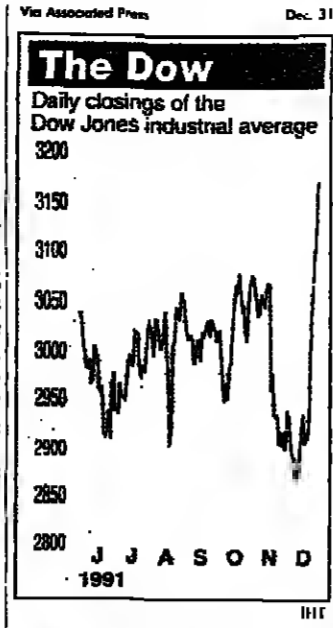
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MARKET DIARY Surprising Rally Cheers Wall Street

By Seth Faison Jr. New York Times Service NEW YORK — A year ago, few on Wall Street predicted the year-long bull market to come. U.S. stock prices had slumped amid the apprehension of a nation poised for war, and the economy was in recession's clutches.

marked the Dow's best December since the index was created in 1914. Retail companies were among the industries that marked the year's best-performing stocks. The Gap Inc., a clothing retailer, on Tuesday reached 53 1/2, up a stunning 218.5 percent from 16 1/4 a year ago.



NYSE Most Active

Table listing NYSE Most Active stocks with columns for Volume, High, Low, Last, and Change. Includes stocks like AT&T, General Electric, and IBM.

AMEX Stock Index table with columns for High, Low, Close, and Change. Shows a gain of 4.96 points.

Market Sales table showing volume and value for NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ.

NYSE 100 Index Options table with columns for Strike, Call, Put, and Change.

Amex Diary table with columns for Advance, Decline, Total Issues, and New Highs/Lows.

NASDAQ Diary table with columns for Advance, Decline, Total Issues, and New Highs/Lows.

Dow Jones Averages table with columns for Industrials, Transportation, Utilities, Finance, and Commodities.

Standard & Poor's Indexes table with columns for Industrials, Transportation, Utilities, Finance, and Commodities.

NYSE Indexes table with columns for Composite, Industrials, Transportation, Utilities, Finance, and Commodities.

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Dow Jones Bond Averages table with columns for 30 Bonds, 10 Industrials, and 10 Utilities.

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N.Y.S.E. Odd-Lot Trading table with columns for Buy, Sell, and Total.

S&P 100 Index Options table with columns for Strike, Call, Put, and Change.

EUROPEAN FUTURES table with columns for Close, High, Low, Prev. Close.

Food table with columns for Sugar, Cocoa, and Coffee.

Metals table with columns for Aluminum, Zinc, and Lead.

Spot Commodities table with columns for Aluminum, Copper, and Nickel.

Grains table with columns for Wheat, Corn, and Soybean Meal.

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Financial table with columns for US Treasury, US Treasury Bonds, and US Treasury Futures.

Sydney table with columns for ANZ, BHP, and Qantas.

Singapore table with columns for Carrefour, Golden Mile, and Sinopec.

Dividends table with columns for Company, Dividend, Yield, and Ex-Dividend Date.

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U.S. Bank Failures Down Sharply

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The number of banks and savings institutions to fail in the United States fell sharply in 1991, officials said Wednesday. But the asset value involved in banks that collapsed or remained open only thanks to an injection of government money ballooned to \$64 billion, from \$16 billion in 1990.

Intel to Lease Rail Fleet to GE Capital

CHICAGO (AP) — Intel Corp. said it planned to lease its 70,000-car rail fleet to General Electric Capital Corp. in a complex deal that would erase some high-cost debt from Intel's balance sheet.

Harris Chosen for Air Traffic System

WASHINGTON (NYT) — The Federal Aviation Administration has selected Harris Corp. to produce a \$1.7 billion air-traffic control system to be installed across the United States over the next 14 years.

GATT Talks Seen Aiding U.S. Farms

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The U.S. agriculture secretary, Edward Madigan, has said the compromise proposal from Arthur Dunkel, the director general of GATT to conclude world trade talks "looks pretty good" for certain U.S. agricultural commodities.

FDA Approves 4 Drugs in a Week

NEW YORK (NYT) — Tying its record for new drug approvals in a single year, the Food and Drug Administration said it had approved four new drugs this week, bringing the 1991 total to 30.

Argentine Peso Replaces the Austral

BUENOS AIRES — The peso, Argentina's fifth currency in 22 years, was introduced Wednesday to replace the austral, which was devalued by inflation to near worthlessness. New peso bills were distributed by the central bank this week, but most Argentines will not see them until banks reopen Thursday, after the holidays.

SALOMON: Post-Scandal Housecleaning Turns Into Major Renovation

(Continued from first finance page) compliance rules, laid off scores of executives, cut employee bonuses and refocused business lines. These measures and others have helped to bring back some large clients that had defected, like the World Bank. Leaving the charge into the new era is Mr. Maughan, who, with the support and guidance of Warren E. Buffett, the Omaha investor who became interim chairman after the scandal began, has been examining the firm's direction.

Merrill Lynch Leads in Fees

Merrill Lynch & Co., Goldman Sachs & Co. and Morgan Stanley garnered the highest underwriting fees on Wall Street this year, Bloomberg Business News reported, citing IDD Information Services. Merrill's fees for underwriting stocks and bonds totaled \$839.3 million, IDD said. Goldman's fees were \$687 million and Morgan's \$462.8 million.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Table of World Stock Markets with columns for Market, Close, Prev., and Change. Includes markets like NY, London, Hong Kong, Milan, and Paris.

COFFEE (NYC) SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)

Table of Coffee and Soybean Meal prices with columns for Month, Price, and Change.

EURODOLLARS (IMM)

Table of Eurodollars prices with columns for Maturity, Price, and Change.

BRITISH POUND (IMM)

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CANADIAN DOLLAR (IMM)

Table of Canadian Dollar prices with columns for Maturity, Price, and Change.

INDUSTRIALS

Table of Industrial stock prices with columns for Company, Price, and Change.

To Our Readers

Closing stock prices, normally provided by Agency France-Press, from Johannesburg, London, San Paulo and Toronto were not available because of transmission problems.

EUROPE

U.S.-U.K. Pact Appears To Gut Maxwell's Board

By Steven Prokesch
New York Times Service
LONDON — The fight for control of Maxwell Communication Corp. is nearing a resolution this week and it seems that the company's directors will be the losers.

Investor's Europe
Frankfurt DAX, London FTSE 100 Index, Paris CAC 40
Exchange Index Tuesday Close Prev. Close % Change

China Says 7% Growth Paves Way for Changes

Los Angeles Times Service
BEIJING — China's economy expanded by about 7 percent in 1991, creating improved conditions for political stability and economic reform, according to a government official.

Investor's Asia
Hong Kong Hang Seng, Singapore Straits Times, Tokyo Nikkei 225
Exchange Index Tuesday Close Prev. Close % Change

Very briefly:

- Cable & Wireless Communications Inc., the U.S. subsidiary of Cable & Wireless PLC, will pay \$11 million for Network Services, a unit of Wang Laboratories Inc.

43 Indonesian Companies Underwrite Satellite Deal

Agence France-Press
JAKARTA — Forty-three Indonesian companies have underwritten the \$131 million insurance on the country's seventh telecommunications satellite to be launched in May, the Kompas daily said Wednesday.

Major Says U.K. Economy Showing Signs of Recovery

The Associated Press
LONDON — Prime Minister John Major said Wednesday the British economy was bouncing back and the recovery had begun.

La Cinq to File for Bankruptcy

Reuters
PARIS — The unprofitable French television station La Cinq has said it will file for bankruptcy and ask a court to appoint an administrator while it searches for a way to stay in business.

2 Japan Firms in Tax Case

Reuters
TOKYO — Two big Japanese trading houses, Sumitomo Corp. and Nishio Iwai Corp., each avoided paying at least 1 billion yen (\$8 million) in tax between March 1987 and March 1989, Kyodo news agency said on Wednesday.

Very briefly:

- Malaysia's trade deficit rose to 6.55 billion ringgit (\$2.4 billion) during the first 10 months of 1991, compared with a deficit of 333.8 million ringgit for the same period in 1990.

Slower Year for Japan Bond Futures

Bloomberg Business News
TOKYO — Sales of Japanese government bond futures declined by 21.3 percent in 1991 to about 1,383 trillion yen (\$10.2 trillion), the second consecutive annual decline, the Nihon Keizai newspaper said.

NASDAQ

Tuesday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

Table with columns: 12 Month High, 52 Week High, 52 Week Low, Dividend Yield, P/E Ratio, Volume, Last Price, Change

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TECHNOLOGY: Charting a National Response to Its Global Spread

(Continued from first finance page) cause they needed the screens to stay competitive. To avoid the tariffs, Apple and some other companies have begun moving production of portable machines outside the United States.

also say that U.S. companies and the government should concentrate on acquiring more foreign technology and putting it to use. "If you isolate yourself to the United States you can hurt yourself and your ability to be competitive,"

telecommunications research laboratory in Britain in 1991. Another motive in conducting research and product development abroad is to increase overseas sales, which already account for more than half the revenues of many

ment that will become the basis of an entirely new line of Hewlett-Packard printers. Still, technology development by U.S. companies remains far less internationalized than manufacturing and sales. On the whole, only 10 percent of American corporate research and development funds is spent abroad. Basic research is even more likely than product development to be kept close to headquarters in large part because the creation of wholly new technology is so close to the heart of a company's business.

'We're the only country in the world that thinks nationality doesn't matter.'

Pat Choate, U.S. economist

Those who share Mr. Reid's outlook say that as companies become more globalized, their nationalities will matter less and less. If IBM and Fujitsu Ltd. were to spread jobs, profits and expertise equally around the world, the United States might have little interest in which company triumphed in computer sales. But according to this line of thought, the U.S. government would have a vital interest in securing the best jobs for its citizens by making the United States an attractive place for both Fujitsu and IBM to conduct their research, development and manufacturing.

said Alexander MacLachlan, senior vice president of research and development at Du Pont Co.

At Motorola Inc., the maker of semiconductors and communications equipment based in Schaumburg, Illinois, researchers point out that the Europeans have pioneered many developments in telecommunications, including alternatives to cellular telephones.

"We ignore that at our peril," said Dick Heimlich, corporate vice president for international strategy at Motorola, which established a

technology companies. Companies are also trying to achieve closer cooperation between their research-and-development activities and manufacturing, to speed the introduction of new products.

Hewlett-Packard Co. for example, began a few years ago to move some product development activities to a plant in Singapore that in the past simply manufactured products designed in the United States. Recently, an engineer in Singapore developed a key compo-

Armed with such evidence, some policy analysts argue that globalization is still relatively limited. There is an enduring national component to technology development, the argue, that continues to justify policies favoring American companies. "The primary benefits will always go to the host country," said Mr. Choate, the economist. But corporate executives say that if they fail to direct their energies offshore when appropriate, their companies would be less competitive—and the American economy would suffer even more.

AMEX

Tuesday's Closing

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PRICES: A Leap Year for Russia, From State Controls to Free Market

(Continued from page 1) but without getting involved in party politics. In their report, the fund's political analysts said that the absence of competition in state-run economy was likely to create a potentially explosive situation in which the growth of prices would not be counterbalanced by the rapid appearance of goods in the stores.

The fund's analysts were virtually unanimous in predicting scattered consumer rebellions against rising prices and food shortages in the coming months, but were less sure whether such outbursts would coalesce into a widespread protest movement.

Steps by Other Republics

Ukraine and Belarus will raise prices sharply this week to protect their consumers against rapid export of goods to Russia, The Associated Press reported from Moscow. Ukrainian and Belarussian leaders said last month that Mr. Yeltsin's unilateral decision to

free prices would force them to take protective measures. They warned that if prices shot up in Russia, but remained under state control in Ukraine and Belarus, Russian shoppers and businesses would descend on those neighboring states to scoop up low-priced food, clothing and consumer items.

Ukrainian radio and television announced on New Year's Eve that the president, or executive council, of the Ukrainian parliament decided to raise prices dramatically on a wide range of goods starting Jan. 2. Belarus also reportedly is considering introducing reusable coupons, which are a kind of second currency.

TRUCE: Yugoslavs Agree

(Continued from page 1) after failing to seize international border checkpoints set up by the Slovenes as an assertion of their independence.

The planned withdrawal of the military forces from the protected areas would take place simultaneously with the introduction of UN forces in an ink-blot pattern rather than along a line.

Croatia is suspicious that peacekeeping troops deployed in patches could be used by Serbia to slowly institutionalize a seizure of Croatian territory, and had demanded that the troops be posted on the border between the two republics.

The plan calls for UN member states to contribute about 10,000 military, police and civilian personnel to the peacekeeping force, including battalions of lightly armed infantry, 100 military observers, 500 unarmed police monitors.

The headquarters are to be set up in Banja Luka, a Bosnian town with access to a broad sweep of the crescent-shaped front line in Croatia.

Serbia, historically Yugoslavia's dominant republic, has lobbied the United Nations to take over the mediation role the European Community has played in the Yugoslav crisis since July. The republic's government condemns a recent EC plan for recognizing the independence of the individual Yugoslav republics. (Reuters, AP, NYT)

KOREA: Pact on Atomic Arms Called a 'Sea Change'

(Continued from page 1) the IAEA inspection agreement will be signed soon.

North Korea, which has consistently denied that it is seeking to produce nuclear weapons, insisted last summer and before that it would not permit inspections of its program as long as it was under the threat of U.S. nuclear weapons based in South Korea.

In this respect, Mr. Bush's decision on Sept. 27 to remove land-based and sea-based tactical nuclear weapons from U.S. deployments worldwide was a major breakthrough and the start of more serious North-South negotiations. This was followed by an unannounced, but privately acknowledged, U.S. decision in October to remove the remaining air-delivered tactical nuclear weapons from South Korea.

Moreover, in recognition of the importance of the negotiations with the North, the U.S. nuclear weapons were actually removed more quickly than most experts expected. The United States pressed its formal position of neither

confirming nor denying the presence of its nuclear weapons abroad, but President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea was permitted to announce on Dec. 18 that no nuclear weapons remained on his soil.

In another important concession, the United States agreed to go along with the cancellation of the 1992 Team Spirit military exercise, which is held jointly with South Korean forces annually. North Korea has objected to this extensive exercise for many years.

While U.S. policy played a role, officials here said that Mr. Roh's government deserved the most credit for pursuing the negotiations with Pyongyang. Washington orchestrated or encouraged extensive international pressure on North Korea regarding its nuclear program, but the initiative in the North came from Seoul, according to administration sources.

The greatest surprise to many officials was North Korea's decision to pursue serious negotiations

to ease tensions on the peninsula and move toward settlement of the nuclear issue. It had become evident for the last several months that something unexpected was in the wind as North Korea stated and revised new positions and conditions on the nuclear question with almost dizzying speed.

At one stage or another, North Korea demanded an end to the U.S. nuclear umbrella in northeast Asia, a U.S. public statement that it had withdrawn all its nuclear weapons from South Korea and a halt to the transit of U.S. nuclear weapons through South Korea airspace or territorial waters. All these were dropped in the nuclear negotiations at Panmunjom.

Beyond this, North Korea in the new accord explicitly agreed not to possess plants for manufacturing nuclear weapons material through the enrichment or reprocessing of nuclear fuel. It is just such plants that North Korea is suspected of constructing at Yongbyon, north of Pyongyang.

WEAPONS: CIA Fears Ex-Soviet Experts May Sell Know-How Abroad

(Continued from page 1) administration's goal will be to slow down, not eliminate, the seepage of materials and expertise, the intelligence analysis says. The paper discusses the enormous potential for draining away technologies and experts as people are looking to make a fast buck, said an intelligence official familiar with the report. "In the end, there is more concern about the experts. It's the people who really count."

In a news conference on Dec. 19 after his trip to the Soviet Union, Secretary of State James A. Baker 3d said that authorities in the republics and the union had given him assurances that they would impose stringent export controls on weapons and technology. But even the strictest controls cannot stop the flow of expertise, said U.S. intelligence.

Officials and groups are traveling in the former republics, seeking both technology and expertise. In testimony before Congress earlier this month, Mr. Gates speculated that among the tens of thousands of scientists and engineers emigrating annually from the Soviet Union, some may find a market for their expertise in developing countries that are striving to acquire new weaponry.

In a subsequent interview with the Los Angeles Times, Mr. Gates said that unemployment and food shortages might compel Soviet nuclear, chemical and biological weapons experts to market their expertise abroad.

Concerns of Bush administration officials are echoed by officials in the former republics, who have stressed the danger of widespread unemployment of nuclear experts in urging the rest of the world to pour in huge amounts of aid. "You have to discount some of the rumors,

because the scientists themselves have a vested interest making it appear like a big problem," an administration official said.

But the concern is reflected in the American academic community as well. A recent Harvard University report on control of the Soviet nuclear arsenal concluded:

"Bomb designers, builders of assemblies for testing, custodians of the Soviet Union's excess supply of special nuclear materials, manufacturers of sensitive components and employees of final weapons assembly facilities all have some sort of access to nuclear materials and even to finished bombs."

"They also possess knowledge of the deployed weapons and have personal contacts among the custodians and the military. In this period of drastic cuts in military purchases, managers of these facilities may find themselves with large numbers of disgruntled workers seeking to use their special access and knowledge for political or economic gain."

SALVADOR: Accord to End 12 Years of Civil War

(Continued from page 1) in the final hours before Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who took an intense personal interest in resolving the war, stepped down from the United Nations post that he has held for a decade. His retirement had been regarded as virtually a deadline by both sides in the conflict.

The 11th-hour details of the accord were so knotty that Mr. Perez de Cuellar had to postpone by several hours his scheduled departure on a flight that was to have taken him on his first retirement vacation. He stayed and presided over the final hard bargaining in his 38th floor offices at the United Nations.

When the two-page "Act of New York" was finally signed, moments before his retirement, Mr. Perez de Cuellar declared: "It is a free man's feat as high as a feather."

The settlement, contained in a document of more than 100 pages, outlines the closing chapter of one of Central America's most violent conflicts. It includes a detailed scenario for a cease-fire that would last several

months while the 6,000 guerrillas of the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front gathered in UN-protected security enclaves.

Eventually, the rebels are to be disarmed, demobilized and reincorporated into civilian life, a transition that would be smoothed by a host of guarantees for their security and social welfare as well as UN supervision.

In previous agreements leading up to this final document, the government has made concession after concession, agreeing to major changes in the armed forces; to the creation of a brand-new police force under civilian control; to a series of constitutional and electoral changes, and to a major UN role in monitoring human rights abuses.

After each of those accords, Mr. Cristiani came under fire from the right, often critics on the right wing of his own Arena Party, who accused him of selling out to dark leftist forces at the United Nations and in the U.S. government.

In effect, the guerrilla leaders were holding out for the most ambitious menu of concessions possible before making the only truly significant concession they had to offer: a cease-fire and commitment to lay down their weapons.

But in this round of talks, which began at the United Nations on Dec. 16, it was the guerrillas' turn to play its cease-fire card. They finally did so, but only after hard bargaining in which the rebel leaders tried to extract the best deal possible for their troops and peasant supporters.

The current round of talks languished until last weekend, when Mr. Cristiani came to the United Nations, along with a top official of his conservative Arena party and the Salvadoran defense minister.

Mr. Cristiani said he came only after receiving personal assurances from Mr. Perez de Cuellar that the guerrillas were committed to the cease-fire which would culminate with their disarming and conversion to civilian life.

In return, Mr. Cristiani and the defense minister, General Rene Emilio Ponce, submitted a plan for the phased reduction of the armed forces.

CHARLIE: Where the Wall Once Stood in Berlin, New Standoff at Former Checkpoint

(Continued from page 1) stainless steel pipe and khaki canvas, the automobile gas tanks with compartments welded in where a child or small adult hid during dangerous trips across the tightly guarded border.

The checkpoint was a major crossing point in the divided city. When East Germany collapsed in a high city leashed a chunk of land along the way to Mr. Hildebrandt. At the city's finance department has informed him that the temporary lease will expire in mid-1992.

In May, it seems, the Berlin government's property committee blessed plans for a four-building American Business Center at

the red and white striped crossing gates, and U.S. Army commanders, before pulling out of Berlin, bequeathed the large, stark, black and white sign that stands in Russian, French and German, under the English: "You Are Leaving the American Sector."

For Mr. Hildebrandt, the little patch of land, surrounded by a high wire fence, has become the focus of his tribute to history. But the city's finance department has informed him that the temporary lease will expire in mid-1992.

In May, it seems, the Berlin government's property committee blessed plans for a four-building American Business Center at

Checkpoint Charlie, a \$400 million project that will include offices, an atrium, shops and restaurants. The project is the brainchild of a company called Central European Development Corp., an investment and consulting group assembled by Ronald S. Lander, the American

company that ran unsuccessfully in 1989 for mayor of New York after serving as ambassador to Austria. The corporation says its plans include a monument recalling Checkpoint Charlie.

Mr. Hildebrandt says that the projected monument site is far from the original checkpoint. He said the corporation's local representative, Mark Palmer, the former

U.S. ambassador to Hungary, who was hired by Mr. Lander to promote the project, gave verbal assurances that the museum annex would stay, then reneged on his pledge.

Mr. Hildebrandt recently returned a \$3,300 donation that the corporation gave the museum. Mr. Palmer declined to discuss the project with reporters.

To the finance officials who have 100,000 property claims by former owners blocking development, and see 2,500 jobs coming with the Checkpoint Charlie project, Mr. Hildebrandt is an obstacle who must learn to compromise. "We know how important this is,

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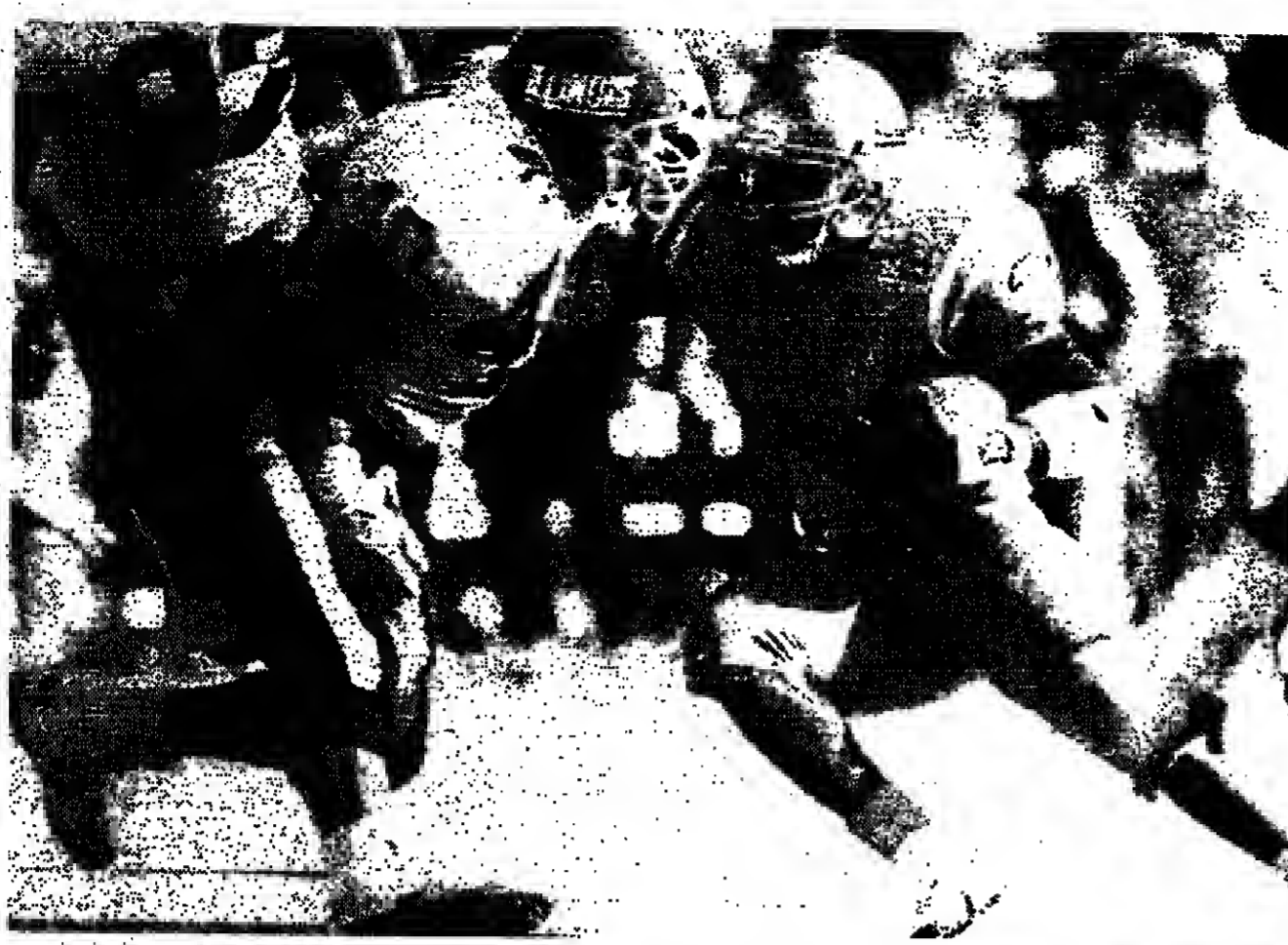
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SPORTS

Syracuse Rallies Past Ohio State in Fame Bowl

TAMPA, Florida — Syracuse's Qadry Ismail worried Ohio State...



Syracuse's Shelby Hill beat Ohio State's Judah Herman (36) and Greg Smith on a 50-yard touchdown pass in the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Ohio State trailed 14-3 at halftime and didn't get its offense on track until Syracuse's John Biskup kicked a 35-yard field goal...

national title expectations, was 18 of 31 with one interception. Johnson had four receptions for 85 yards and Hill caught three passes for 62, including a quick flip...

draw capped a 12-play, 78-yard drive that made it 14-0 on the last play of the first quarter. Kerry Ferrell ran 24 yards on a wide-receiver reverse and had receptions of 13 and 21 yards to set up the score.

The loss is third straight for Ohio State in bowl games under Cooper, who has a 2-1 record against teams with losing records...

Florida State Defense Holds Off Texas A&M

DALLAS — An overwhelming defensive effort led by Terrell Buckley and Howard Dinkins forced eight turnovers Wednesday and allowed No. 5 Florida State to fight off No. 9 Texas A&M in the 56th Cotton Bowl, 10-2.

with 2:40 to play on Gerry Thomas's 27-yard field goal. The Aggies' lone score came one play after the most controversial moment of the game. After losing a fumble at the Florida State 2-yard line, the Aggies forced a safety when linebacker Quentin Corryatt sacked Weldon in the end zone.

The opening half was filled with missed chances, the two biggest ones coming in the first seven minutes when Texas A&M managed just two points while throwing away the opportunity to score two touchdowns.

Cal Never Looks Back In Citrus Bowl Victory

ORLANDO, Florida — Brian Treggs' 72-yard punt return for a touchdown capped a 17-point first quarter that catapulted California to a 37-13 victory over Clemson in the Citrus Bowl on Wednesday.

Cal scored its first touchdown on a broken play of 4:48 left in the half. Quarterback De-Chane Cameron dropped back to pass, scrambled behind a wave of Cal linemen, and raced down his left sideline 62 yards to pull the Tigers to 24-10.

SIDELINES

Virus, Czechs Oust Becker and Graf

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Karel Novacek and Helena Sukova defeated Boris Becker and an ailing Steffi Graf, 6-4, 6-4, in mixed doubles Wednesday night to put Czechoslovakia in the final of the Hopman Cup.

In Adelaide, Thomas Engqvist, 17, of Sweden, the top-ranked junior player in the world, upset fourth-seeded Horst Skoff of Austria, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, Wednesday in the second round of the Australian Hardcourt championship.

Yankees Have a New Boss, Maybe

NEW YORK (NYT) — The New York Yankees, whose situation seems to grow more and more troubled, finally selected a managing general partner Tuesday to replace Robert Steinbrenner. But the choice, Daniel R. McCarthy, immediately fell under a new cloud.

For the Record

Mark Duffner, 38, who coached Holy Cross to an 11-0 record in 1991, and was 60-51 in six years there, was given a five-year contract Tuesday to revive the University of Maryland football program (AP).

Quotable

Alex Karras, the former defensive tackle for the Detroit Lions, on his college career: "I only spent two terms at Iowa — Truman's and Eisenhower's."

Soured Orange: Add 1 Scrimmage, 5 Years Old

MIAMI — Nebraska declared its No. 2 fullback ineligible and, in the process, put its share of the Big Eight Conference title in jeopardy about 24 hours before the Orange Bowl game with No. 1 Miami.

probably the most important game of his life, said Nebraska's coach, Tom Osborne. "He's been more excited about coming down here than anybody on the team. I know he has a very large family and they were all looking forward to the game so this has to be devastating thing for him if in fact he can't play."

playing time with Lance Lewis a year ago and started the 1991 season as the No. 1 fullback. Papik said Soto apparently believed that since he had not broken any junior college rules by playing in the 1986 scrimmage, he had not broken any NCAA rules and so didn't inform Nebraska of the scrimmage.

UCLA, Indiana and Tulsa Win Bowl Games, BYU and Iowa Tie

UCLA coach Terry Donahue will take an ugly defensive victory over losing an offensive shootout. Turnovers and tenuous defense helped the 22nd-ranked Bruins overcome a feisty group of Illinois defenders, 6-3, in the John Hancock Bowl on Tuesday in El Paso, Texas.

mark of 2,544. Indiana, like other Big Ten schools, includes bowl games in season statistics. The hard-hitting Hoosiers stymied Baylor's veer offense, holding the Bears to 269 yards.

wa's Carlos James with 16 seconds left in Monday night's game. Jackson's pass was deflected by receiver Byron Rex and caught at the goal line by James, who returned it to the Iowa 13.

Blake, who passed for 3,073 yards and 28 TDs during the regular season, then went to work. The quarterback scored on a two-yard run with 7:26 left, then got the Pirates within 34-30 with a 15-yard TD strike to Dion Johnson with 4:18 left. The two-point conversion failed.

East Carolina Beats State To End a Peachy Season

ATLANTA — East Carolina completed a remarkable season with a remarkable comeback Wednesday in the Peach Bowl. Jeff Blake ran for one touchdown and threw for two in a 5:54 span of the fourth quarter as the Pirates beat in-state rival North Carolina State, 37-34, over before a record crowd of 59,322.

Blake, who had the best day of his college career with 378 yards, four TD passes and the other rushing, capped the 20-point flurry with a 22-yard scoring pass to Luke Fisher with 1:32 left.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

NBA Standings

Table with columns for Eastern Conference, Western Conference, and Monday's Results, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

SOCCER

U.S. Soccer Standings

Table with columns for Eastern Division, Western Division, and Monday's Results, listing teams, wins, losses, and draws.

FLORIDA STATE

Florida State Standings

Table with columns for Florida State Standings, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

TEXAS A&M

Texas A&M Standings

Table with columns for Texas A&M Standings, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

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Table with columns for Wales Conference, Campbell Conference, and Monday's Results, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

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ART BUCHWALD

Flunking History Again

WASHINGTON — I met my high school history teacher in a senior citizens' Laundromat the other day. His name was Mr. Coot, and he was no longer as confident about himself as he was in the '40s when he flunked me in Fundamentals of the League of Nations.



Buchwald

"How come," I asked him, "you didn't tell us that Armenia had hurt feelings toward Azerbaijan?" "No one told me, so how could I tell you?" he responded defensively. "I didn't even know that Kazakhstan was dumping sludge on Uzbekistan. When I was working on my master's in education at Columbia University, they said that I shouldn't spend time on Kazakhstan because it had a third-rate soccer team, and Lenin always thought its cream of cabbage soup was a joke."

"When I was teaching, the only Georgia Americans knew of was located around Atlanta. If I brought up the other Georgia in the Soviet Union, you would have thought I was crazy. All I was required to do was teach you that the U.S.S.R. was a country ruled by that dirty rat Papa Stalin. It was the only fact an American student needed to get a high school diploma."

1991 U.S. Beer Market Shrank by 2.4 Percent

NEW YORK — The U.S. beer market shrank by an estimated 2.4 percent in 1991, the biggest decline in the 31 years for which such information is available. Impact, a trade magazine, said manufacturer shipments within the United States fell to 188.6 million barrels in 1991 from a record 193.2 million in 1990.

"I wasn't buying it. That's a cop-out. If you taught us about Turkmenistan we might have prevented Yeltsin from giving Gorbachev the boot. Mr. Coot, the truth is that as a high school teacher you failed us."

There were tears in his eyes. "I didn't hold back on purpose. If I had been aware what Moldavia would someday mean to the United States, I would have given you twice as much homework. All we knew then was that the U.S.S.R. was one giant monolith, and everyone in the country either marched to the same drummer or mined salt in Siberia. If the State Department had no knowledge of Kirghizia, why should a high school teacher in Queens know about it? I taught you about Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania, didn't I?"

Spreading the Flavors of Hong Kong

By Nina Simonds New York Times Staff

NEW YORK — It is noon on the Bowery in Chinatown and there is not an empty seat at Noodletown, an unassuming restaurant that specializes in homemade noodles and wontons. The air is thick with the singsong melody of spoken Cantonese as customers bunch over bowls of steaming noodles and plates of barbecued goose and salt-baked cuttlefish. It could pass for any neighborhood restaurant in Hong Kong.



Illustration by Nina Simonds

Not far away, at the more sedate Eastern Villa on Mott Street, a waiter slips a net into a tank of live fish, nabs one and takes it over, still squirming, to some customers for their examination. He heads for the kitchen and reappears not long after with a platter holding the whole fish steamed with scallions and ginger root. Other dishes include grilled skewered eel, steamed whole shrimp in the shell, fried young chicken with pickled vegetable, and stir-fried snow pea shoots with crab meat.

The Hong Kong influence is the latest in a series of changes that have affected Chinese cooking in the United States in the last two decades. In the '70s, a wave of Taiwanese and Chinese chefs arrived, introducing the country to Mandarin and Sichuan food. During the late '70s, visitors to New York's Chinatown saw the emergence of a more sophisticated, classic Cantonese style. Menu's broadened, and for the first time authentic dim sum houses offered an extensive repertory of finger foods.

Along with new ingredients is a new atmosphere in restaurants that encourages owners and chefs to experiment and innovate. Said Henry Hugh, a chef for Furman Selz Mager Dietz & Birney, a securities firm. He is also a teacher in the New School's culinary arts program and has cooked in Chinatown restaurants. "Traditionally, a cook would train with a master chef for five to seven years, then follow him and cook with him for maybe as long as 10 years," Hugh said.

Event in winter, the selection is impressive. Sam Kong, manager of the Noodletown Restaurant, is delighted with the fresh domestic products he is able to provide for his chefs. "One of the biggest areas of growth has been in live freshwater seafood," he said. "Today we get whole, live shrimp from Florida and several types of fish from upstate New York. Geese are brought in from a poultry farm in Philadelphia and farms in New Jersey, Long Island and Florida grow oriental vegetables. Even as recently as a couple of years ago, much of this just wasn't available."

PEOPLE

Mel Gibson Gets Award For Plugging the Bard

Mel Gibson, who played Hamlet on screen and urged youngsters in a video to get to know Shakespeare, will receive the Will Award in April from the Shakespeare Theater in Washington, D.C. Gibson, who will get a trophy at a dinner in April, is the fifth recipient of the award, joining Joseph Papp, Kevin Kline, Christopher Plummer and Kenneth Branagh.

A London seller of antique and rare books has gone to court in Atlanta to try to retrieve a 1922 copy of James Joyce's "Ulysses," sent to a former stockbroker jailed for defrauding clients. Maggs Bros., sued Karen L. Schern, demanding that she pay for the book or return it. The book, number 99 of 100 copies of the first edition that were specially printed on fine paper and signed by Joyce in Paris, is valued at about \$43,000. At about the time the book arrived at Schern's suburb ban home in October, the former stockbroker pleaded guilty to defrauding more than a dozen clients of \$2 million. "It's an especially nice edition, in particularly fine condition," said Edward Maggs. "We're very afraid she'll sell it for much less than it's worth, and then we'll get into all those nasty legal entanglements over ownership."

Tim Peters, the former husband of Sallie Bingham, the media heiress, has been denied a claim to the Bingham family fortune. Judge Benjamin Sobie to Louisville, Kentucky, upheld a prenuptial agreement between Bingham and Peters, in which he gave up any claim to alimony. They were divorced in October 1990. The judge said that though Peters "may" feel he made a bad bargain, that is not sufficient grounds for setting the agreement aside.

The Italian novelist Umberto Eco was taken to a hospital with what doctors think is severe indigestion, although originally it was thought Eco, 60, had suffered a heart attack at his home in Montecatone, 150 miles (240 kilometers) north of Rome. He probably will remain hospitalized for several days, doctors said. Eco's latest novel, "Second Minimalist Diary," is due for release in Italy on Jan. 26.

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